

SOME OF MY Best Shots



Because the Virginia Beach/Norfolk area has plenty of beaches and other natural areas for everyone to enjoy, garbage left behind can contribute to environmental degradation and decrease the natural beauty of the area. To combat this, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation sponsored a "Clean the Bay" event on 5-6 June 2009 at Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Little Creek.

A total of 235 volunteers, both service members and civilians, participated in the event, which saw them head out to the beaches and other areas on the base to clean up debris. The turnout was impressive considering it was a Saturday and

threatening to rain. Volunteers collected a total of 24,390 pounds of trash, the most common of which was cigarette butts and included vehicle parts, crab traps and a refrigerator door.

Volunteers came from the Navy School of Music, Admiral Joel T. Boone Clinic, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit 2, as well as civilians from the local community. Volunteers were also tasked with picking up trash on the Installation Restoration areas on the base.

I volunteered to capture images of Sailors and Marines participating in this event. I used a Nikon D2X camera with a Nikkor 18.0-200.0mm f/3.5-5.6 lens, set on manual exposure.

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